

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. An information processing apparatus for processing information written in a language which can describe design of a window to be displayed by a browser, comprising:
 - reception means for receiving first list data transmitted from another apparatus connected through a network; and
 - storage means for storing a function expansion program for the browser, said function expansion program including acquisition unit adapted to acquire second list data and creation unit adapted to create the information for causing the browser to display a window based on the second list data acquired by the acquisition unit and the first list data received by said reception means.
2. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the function expansion program for the browser further comprises computation unit adapted to perform a set operation between the second list data acquired by the acquisition means and the first list data received by said reception means, and the creation unit creates on the basis of an operation result obtained by the computation unit.
3. The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the apparatus can be connected to at least one printing apparatus through a network, and

the acquisition means acquires the second list data on the basis of information obtained from at least one of an operating system and control software for the printing apparatus.

5 4. The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the function expansion program for the browser further comprises second information creation means for creating the information for causing the browser to display an input window for various conditions for
10 printing processing executed by the printing apparatus on the basis of the first and second list data.

5. The apparatus according to claim 3, wherein each of the first list data and the second list data lists at least one of information about a model of the
15 printing apparatus, information about a paper size for printing by the printing apparatus, information about a paper type for printing by the printing apparatus, and information about a layout for printing by the printing apparatus.

20 6. An information providing apparatus connected to a client apparatus through a network, comprising:

storage means for storing first list data to be used by a function expansion program for a browser in the client apparatus which stores the second list data;
25 and

transmission means for transmitting, through a network, at least one of information written in a

language which can describe design of a window to be displayed by the browser and the first list data stored in said storage means in accordance with a request from the client apparatus.

5 7. The apparatus according to claim 6, further comprising

second storage means for storing image data;

reception means for receiving input information input in accordance with a window displayed by the

10 browser in the client apparatus which can be connected to at least one printing apparatus through a network, and

second transmission means for transmitting the image data to the client apparatus on the basis of the
15 input information received by said reception means.

8. The apparatus according to claim 7, wherein each of the first list data, the second list data, and third list data lists at least one of information about a model of the printing apparatus, information about a
20 paper size for printing by the printing apparatus, information about a paper type for printing by the printing apparatus, and information about a layout for printing by the printing apparatus.

9. An information processing system in which an
25 information providing apparatus and an information processing apparatus can communicate with each other through a network, wherein

the information providing apparatus comprises
first storage means for storing first list data,
and

transmission means for transmitting the first
5 list data stored in the first storage means in
accordance with a request from the information
processing apparatus, and

the information processing apparatus comprises
second storage means for storing a function expansion
10 program for the browser, said function expansion
program including acquisition unit adapted to acquire
second list data and creation unit adapted to create
the information for causing the browser to display a
window based on the second list data acquired by the
15 acquisition unit and the first list data received by
said reception means.

10. An information processing method in an
information processing apparatus which processes
information written in a language which can describe
20 design of a window to be displayed by a browser and
stores second list data, comprising:

a reception step of receiving first list data
transmitted from another apparatus connected through a
network;

25 an acquisition step of acquiring the second list
data according to a function expansion program for the
browser;

a creation step of creating information for causing the browser to display a window based on the second list data acquired in the acquisition step and the first list data received in the reception step.

5 11. A program causing a computer to execute an in processing method defined in claim 10.

12. A computer-readable recording medium storing a program defined in claim 11.

13. A function expansion program for causing a
10 computer to process information written in a language which can describe design of a window to be displayed by a browser, wherein the program causes the computer to execute:

a procedure for acquiring first list data
15 transmitted from another apparatus connected through a network;

a procedure for acquiring second list data from the computer; and

a procedure for creating information for causing
20 the browser to display a window based on the first list data and the second list data.

14. A computer-readable recording medium storing a function expansion program defined in claim 13.